THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Operationalisation of airport at Salem

1809. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to operationalise airport at Salem in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Salem airport in Tamil Nadu belongs to Airports Authority of India and is an operational airport. Presently no scheduled Airline is operating flights. Only Non-Scheduled flights operate at Salem airports.

(c) Does not arise.

Naming of international Airport at Amritsar

1810. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Legislative Assembly has passed a unanimous resolution to name the International Airport at Amritsar after Guru Ram Dass who founded the city;

(b) if so, whether Government would announce the formal changing of the name of the airport;

(c) whether the Punjab Legislative Assembly has also sent recommendation for naming the new airport coming at Mohali after Shaheed Bhagat Singh; and

(d) by when Government would announce the name of this airport though it is still under construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of Punjab has sent a resolution passed by the Punjab Legislative Assembly for renaming the Amritsar International Airports as Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport and the new airport coming at Mohali (Chandigarh) after Shaheed - E - Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport.

The proposals are being examined by Government.

Upgradation of airports in Madhya Pradesh

†1811. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.